

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (d) The Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF), Bangalore had initially conducted studies during 1978-81 for identification of suitable sites for preparation of Master Plan for the development of fishing harbours and fish landing centres on the Indian Coast, including the coast of Gujarat. In August, 1996, the CICEF in collaboration with

the State Government of Gujarat, have again carried out pre-investment studies on probable fishing harbours and landing sites and short listed the following sites for carrying out detailed techno-economic studies including model studies, wherever necessary. As per pre-investment studies, the data on economic potential of the proposed fishing harbours and fish landing centres is summarised as follows :

Sites proposed for inclusion in the Master Plan	District	Number of vessels in operation	Annual landings (1994-95) (tonnes)	Value of landings (Rupees in lakhs)	Fishermen population	Active Fishermen	Fishing villages covered
<i>I. Fishery Harbours</i>							
1. Rupen	Jamnagar	1031	15700	1848.83	10000	7000	N.A.
2. Mangrol Bara	Junagadh	234	1631	192.07	1631	495	1
3. Dholai	Valsad	1500	5996	706.09	11996	4265	7
4. Umbergaon	Valsad	1000	10980	1293.00	16683	7441	9
<i>II. Fish Landing Centres</i>							
1. Madhavpur	Junagadh	450	1909	224.80	1792	595	1
2. Sutrapada	Junagadh	287	1553	182.88	2994	497	1
3. Dhamlej	Junagadh	450	1627	191.60	2080	643	1

Identification of Border Problem

560. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a high level official's Conference of the Union Government and Government of West Bengal was held recently during 1997 in Calcutta to discuss the problems arising out of the border fencing of the border districts of West Bengal and construction of the border roads;

(b) if so, the problems identified thereat; and

(c) the steps taken to resolve the problems discussed in the conference ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Problems in respect of land acquisition under Act I and problems of payment of final compensation of land acquired under Act II were identified and discussed.

(c) Action plan for finalising land acquisition under specific time frame has been worked out and the concerned authorities have been instructed to adhere to it.

Sea Turtles

561. SHRI AYYANNA PATRUDU :

SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the nesting of a variety of sea turtles in Orissa coast is being disturbed by the projects of Defence Research and Development Organisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) to (c) The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has established an Interim Test Range, at Chandipur in Bhadrak District of Orissa. The project has been cleared under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to the following conditions/safeguards to ensure safety of sea turtles :

(i) No felling of trees will be done inside the